

What will living in the City cost me?

Property taxes: Current City tax is based on assessed value. Assessed value of your property is determined by the Pima County Assessor and is not related to jurisdictional boundary. The 2005 City of Tucson combined property tax rate is \$1.18 per \$100 of assessed value.

Utility Tax: A 4.25% tax is paid on monthly gas and electric service. In addition, a 5.5% tax is paid on monthly telephone service and 4% on mobile phone service.

For an exact calculation of what your taxes would be, call the City of Tucson Department of Urban Planning & Design-Annexation office at 791-4505.



Thank you for considering annexation into the City of Tucson. We are proud of our community and the quality of City services.

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A Home Owner's Guide To Annexation

Building A Better Community Through:

- Enhanced Public Safety
- Environmental & Utility Services
- A Stronger Voice for Residents
- Securing our Fair Share of State Revenues



Department of
Urban Planning & Design -
Annexation

What is Annexation?

Annexation is the process by which a municipality extends its jurisdictional authority. Specifically, annexation is when more than 50% of the PROPERTY OWNERS in a defined area, who also represent 50% or more of the assessed value, sign a petition to join an existing municipality.

Incorporation

Incorporation is the process by which a new municipality is formed. This occurs when 2/3 of the QUALIFIED ELECTORS residing within a defined area of at least 1500 residents sign a petition to incorporate, OR 10% of the qualified electors residing within a defined area of at least 1500 residents call for an election for incorporation, which is then approved by at least 50% of the electorate.



What is the Process?

An annexation may begin when a group of citizens, often desiring the enhanced services provided by a city, requests to be annexed.

Signatures of owners representing one-half or more of the assessed value of the area and more than one-half of all property owners in the area are required for the annexation to be effective. When sufficient signatures are gathered, an ordinance is presented to the Mayor and Council for adoption. City services begin when the annexation becomes effective, thirty days later.

Why would I want to be annexed into the City?

Benefits City residents receive include:

1. City of Tucson Fire Department Protection. The City is proud of its well trained, cost-effective paramedic and fire fighting forces. The Fire Department has won national recognition in the areas of public education, medical research and service delivery. For information call 791-4502.



2. City of Tucson Police Protection. City Police have a smaller area to patrol than the Sheriff's Department, and can concentrate their resources. They have strong prevention and school programs for young people and effective protection programs for neighborhoods and businesses. As annexation occurs Police personnel are added, based on increases in population. For information call 791-4444.

3. Solid Waste & Recycling. City residents receive once-a-week refuse collection and recycling. The City's recycling program includes a variety of items, such as used motor oil and magazines in addition to cans, bottles, and newspaper. For information call 791-3171.

4. Transportation. The Department of Transportation is responsible for roadway maintenance, repair, design, and construction of drainage-ways, new streets, including sidewalks and bike lanes. Additional State shared revenues from annexation help pay for these road improvements.

5. Public Utilities. Water service is provided throughout the greater Tucson metropolitan area, including residents inside and outside the City limits. Private water companies and private wells within the metropolitan area are not affected by annexation. Tucson Water has a wide variety of free conservation programs and materials available to all customers. For information call 791-4331.

Pima County regulates septic systems and the public sewer systems. Annexation has no effect on sewer service or the continued use of septic systems. For information about septic tanks and public sewers, call the Pima County Department of Environmental Quality at 740-6506.

6. City Parks and Recreation Services. The City offers numerous park, golf and recreational programs, including free after school programs at various locations in the City. For information call 791-4560.

7. A Stronger Voice. As a Tucson resident, you can vote for the City's Mayor and Council, serve on City Boards and Commissions, and help shape key community policies. The City also has a Department of Neighborhood Resources that is dedicated to addressing the specific needs of individuals and neighborhoods.

8. A Stronger Community. Residents of our community have a mutual interdependence that is tied to the economic viability and livability of Tucson. Money currently paid to the State of Arizona in various taxes is returned to incorporated areas on a per capita basis. As annexations occur, our community receives more of its fair share of these State revenues. A strong and vibrant City will allow us to maintain the quality of life of which we are so proud.

